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Please amend currently pending Claims 56-62, 65, 66, 69, 70, 75-80, and 84-89 as indicated below, wherein the portions being added are underlined and the portions being deleted are enclosed in braces.

Claim 56. (amended once) A catalyst for polymerization of alphaolefins, wherein the catalyst comprises a cocatalyst and a catalyst component, wherein the catalyst component comprises a metallocene complex and a support, wherein the metallocene complex is supported on the support, wherein the metallocene complex is defined by formula I or II:

 $(G(R)_a)_x MX_v I$

$$[R)_{a}$$

$$G_{l}$$

$$MX_{d}$$

$$R$$

$$G_{2}$$

$$R$$

$$R$$

$$D$$

wherein:

R groups are equal to or different from each other; each R is independently hydrogen or a radical containing from 1 to 20 carbon atoms; each R optionally contains a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of boron, germanium, tin, lead, and elements from groups {14 through} 15 and 16 of the periodic table of the elements {and boron}; at least one R group in the formula I and at least one R group in the formula II {contains} contain an OSiR"_3 group, wherein R" is selected from the group consisting of: linear C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, {linear} C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, {branched C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, linear} C_6 - C_{20} aryl, {branched C_6 - C_{20} aryl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl;

Q is selected from the group consisting of: boron and elements from groups 14 and 16 of the periodic table; when m > 1, Q groups are equal to or different from each other; free valences of every Q are filled with the R group or groups {according to a value of c}; two R groups optionally are bonded to form a ring having from 5 to 8 atoms, wherein the ring having from 5 to 8 atoms is directly bonded to 0; m {ranges} is an integer ranging from 1 to 4;

the G groups in the formula I are equal to or different from each other; the G groups, G_1 , and G_2 are each independently {is} a cyclic organic group bonded to M through a π bond, {G contains} a cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or more other rings, or {G is each independently are} an atom selected from the group consisting of elements from groups 15 and 16 of the periodic table; wherein at least one G group in the formula I is the cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or

more other rings; wherein the R group that contains the $OSiR"_3$ group in the formula I is directly bonded to the cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or more other rings; wherein in the formula II, G_1 or G_2 is the cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or more other rings; wherein in the formula II, the R group that contains the $OSiR"_3$ group is directly bonded to O or to the cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or more other rings;

 $\{G_1 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_1 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ have the same meaning as } G_{;} \}$

M is a metal selected from the group consisting of: elements from groups 3, 4, and 10 of the periodic table, lanthanides, and actinides;

X groups are equal to or different from each other; X is selected from the group consisting of: halogen, hydrogen, OR"', $N(R"')_2$, C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, and C_6 - C_{20} aryl; wherein R"' is selected from the group consisting of: linear C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, {linear} C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, {branched C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, linear} C_6 - C_{20} aryl, {branched C_6 - C_{20} aryl,} linear C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl;

- \mathbf{x} is an integer greater than or equal to 1 {or 2}, \mathbf{y} is an integer greater than or equal to 2 {or 3} in such a way that $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = 3$, 4, 5, or 6;
- **d** is an integer ranging from 0 to 2; and **a**, **b** and **c** are integers from 0 to 10 in such a way that $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} \ge 1$; wherein the metallocene complex is supported on the support by means of a bond resulting from a reaction of the OSiR"₃ group of the metallocene complex with a reactive group on a surface of the

support; and wherein the $OSiR"_3$ group is not directly bonded to Q when Q {is} contains Si.

Claim 57. (amended once) A catalyst as claimed in Claim 56 wherein in the formula I {or} and the formula II each R is independently selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, $\{SiR'_3,\}$ linear C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, {linear} C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, {branched C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, linear} C_6 - C_{20} aryl, {branched C_6 - C_{20} aryl,} linear C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl; {and} wherein optionally each R group contains a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of: boron, germanium, tin, lead, and elements of groups {14 through} 15 and 16 of the periodic table of the elements {and boron}; and wherein at least one R group in the formula I and at least one R group in the formula II contain the OSiR"₃ group.

Claim 58. (amended once) A catalyst as claimed in Claim 56 wherein in the formula I {or} and the formula II M is selected from the group consisting of: Ti, Zr, and Hf.

Claim 59. (amended once) A catalyst as claimed in Claim 56 wherein in the formula I {or} and the formula II the R group {containing} that contains the group {OSiR"} OSiR"3 is selected from the group consisting of: -CH2-CH2-OSiMe3, -CH2-CH2-CH2-OSiMe3, -CH2-CH2-CH2-CH2-OSiMe3, and -O-CH2-CH2-OSiMe3, and -SiMe2-CH2-CH2-OSiMe3}.

Claim 60. (amended once) A catalyst as claimed in Claim 56 wherein in the formula I each G is independently cyclopentadienyl or indenyl; M is zirconium; \mathbf{x} is 2; \mathbf{y} is 2; each R is independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, wherein at least one hydrogen of one R is substituted with the OSiR"₃ group, wherein R" is selected from the group consisting of: Me, Et, and Pr.

Claim 61. (amended once) A catalyst as claimed in Claim 57 wherein in the formula II M is zirconium; G_1 and G_2 are each independently cyclopentadienyl or indenyl; each R is independently hydrogen $\{,\}$ or a C_1 - C_4 alkyl wherein at least one hydrogen of one R is substituted with the OSiR"3 {or a SiR'2-OSiR"3} group, wherein R" is selected from the group consisting of: methyl, ethyl, and propyl; $\{[(R)_cQ]_m\}$ and wherein if $[(R)_c-Ol_m]$ does not contain the OSiR"3 group, then $[(R)_c-Ol_m]$ is H_2C-CH_2 , $CRH-CH_2$, $RHC-SiR'_2$, $R_2C-SiR'_2$, {and} or SiRR', wherein R' is selected from the group consisting of linear C_1-C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1-C_{20} alkyl, C_3-C_{20} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{20} aryl, linear C_7-C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7-C_{20} arylalkyl, linear C_7-C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7-C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7-C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7-C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7-C_{20} alkylaryl.

Claim 62. (Amended once) A catalyst as claimed in Claim 57 wherein in the formula II M is titanium; wherein G_2 is an oxygen or a nitrogen atom; wherein G_1 is a cyclopentadienyl, indenyl or fluorenyl ring; $\{[(R)_cQ]_m\}$ and wherein if $[(R)_c-Q]_m$ does not contain the OSiR"3 group, then $[(R)_c-Q]_m$ is H_2C-CH_2 , $CRH-CH_2$, $RHC-SiR'_2$, $R_2C-SiR'_2$, $\{and\}$ or $SiRR'_2$, wherein R' is selected from the group

consisting of linear C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{20} aryl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl.

- Claim 65. (amended once) A process for preparing a catalyst as claimed in Claim 56, (wherein the catalyst comprises a cocatalyst and a catalyst component, wherein the catalyst component comprises a metallocene complex and a support, wherein the metallocene complex is supported on the support,) wherein the process comprises the following steps:
 - (a) impregnation on a support, under anhydrous conditions and an inert atmosphere at a temperature between -20°C and 90°C, of a solution comprising at least one metallocene complex and a cocatalyst (on the support), wherein the metallocene complex is defined by formula I or II

$$(G(R)_a)_x MX_y I$$

$$[R)_{c} - Q = MX_{d}$$

$$[R)_{c} - Q = MX_{d}$$

$$[R)_{b}$$

$$[R)_{b}$$

wherein:

R groups are equal to or different from each other; each R is independently hydrogen or a radical containing from 1 to 20 carbon atoms; each R optionally contains a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of boron, germanium, tin, lead, and elements from groups {14 through} 15 and 16 of the periodic table of the elements {and boron}; at least one R group in the formula I and at least one R group in the formula II {contains} contain an OSiR"_3 group, wherein R" is selected from the group consisting of: linear C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, {linear} C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, {branched C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, linear} C_6 - C_{20} aryl, {branched C_6 - C_{20} aryl,} linear C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl;

Q is selected from the group consisting of: boron and elements from groups 14 and 16 of the periodic table; when m > 1, Q groups are equal to or different from each other; free valences of every Q are filled with the R group or groups {according to a value of c}; two R groups optionally are bonded to form a ring having from 5 to 8 atoms, wherein the ring having from 5 to 8 atoms is directly bonded to Q; m {ranges} is an integer ranging from 1 to 4;

the G groups in the formula I are equal to or different from each other; the G groups, G_1 , and G_2 are each independently (is) a cyclic organic group bonded to M through a π bond, (G contains) a cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or more other rings, or (G is each independently are) an atom selected from the group consisting of elements from groups 15 and 16 of the periodic table; wherein at least one G group in the formula I is the cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or

more other rings; wherein the R group that contains the $OSiR"_3$ group in the formula I is directly bonded to the cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or more other rings; wherein in the formula II, G_1 or G_2 is the cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or more other rings; wherein in the formula II, the R group that contains the $OSiR"_3$ group is directly bonded to O or to the cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or more other rings;

 $\{G_1 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_1 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ have the same meaning as } G_{;} \}$

M is a metal selected from the group consisting of: elements from groups 3, 4, and 10 of the periodic table, lanthanides, and actinides:

X groups are equal to or different from each other; X is selected from the group consisting of: halogen, hydrogen, OR"', $N(R"')_2$, C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, and C_6 - C_{20} aryl; wherein R"' is selected from the group consisting of: linear C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, {linear} C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, {branched C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, linear} C_6 - C_{20} aryl, {branched C_6 - C_{20} aryl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl; **x** is an integer greater than or equal to 1 {or 2}, **y** is an

x is an integer greater than or equal to 1 {or 2}, **y** is an integer greater than or equal to 2 {or 3} in such a way that $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = 3$, 4, 5, or 6;

d is an integer ranging from 0 to 2; and **a**, **b** and **c** are integers from 0 to 10 in such a way that $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} \ge 1$; wherein the OSiR"₃ group of the metallocene complex reacts with a reactive group of the support to bond the metallocene complex to the support, thereby forming a resulting solid comprising the

metallocene complex <u>and the cocatalyst</u> supported on the support; wherein the OSiR"₃ group is not directly bonded to Q when Q {is} <u>contains</u> Si; and

(b) filtration and washing the resulting solid from step (a) with a solvent comprising an aliphatic hydrocarbon or an aromatic hydrocarbon.

Claim 66. (amended once) A process for preparing a catalyst as claimed in Claim 56, {wherein the catalyst comprises a cocatalyst and a catalyst component, wherein the catalyst component comprises a metallocene complex and a support, wherein the metallocene complex is supported on the support,} wherein the process comprises the following steps:

(a) depositing at least one metallocene complex and a cocatalyst on {the} a support by using a solution comprising a solvent, {and} the metallocene complex, and the cocatalyst {to heterogenize}, wherein the metallocene complex is defined by formula I or II:

$$(G(R)_a)_x MX_y$$
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$$[R)_{c} - Q = MX_{d}$$

$$[R)_{b}$$

$$[R)_{b}$$

wherein:

R groups are equal to or different from each other; each R is independently hydrogen or a radical containing from 1 to 20 carbon atoms; each R optionally contains a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of boron, germanium, tin, lead, and elements from groups {14 through} 15 and 16 of the periodic table of the elements {and boron}; at least one R group in the formula I and at least one R group in the formula II {contains} contain an OSiR"_3 group, wherein R" is selected from the group consisting of: linear C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, {linear} C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, {branched C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, linear} C_6 - C_{20} aryl, {branched C_6 - C_{20} aryl,} linear C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl;

Q is selected from the group consisting of: boron and elements from groups 14 and 16 of the periodic table; when m > 1, Q groups are equal to or different from each other; free valences of every Q are filled with the R group or groups {according to a value of c}; two R groups optionally are bonded to form a ring having from 5 to 8 atoms, wherein the ring having from 5 to 8 atoms is directly bonded to Q; m {ranges} is an integer ranging from 1 to 4;

the G groups in the formula I are equal to or different from each other; the G groups, G_1 , and G_2 are each independently {is} a cyclic organic group bonded to M through a π bond, {G contains} a cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or more other rings, or {G is each independently are} an atom selected from the group consisting of elements from groups 15 and 16 of the periodic table; wherein at least one G group in the formula I is the cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or

more other rings; wherein the R group that contains the OSiR"3 group in the formula I is directly bonded to the cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or more other rings; wherein in the formula II, G_1 or G_2 is the cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or more other rings; wherein in the formula II, the R group that contains the OSiR", group is directly bonded to 0 or to the cyclopentadienyl ring that optionally is fused with one or more other rings;

 $\{G_1 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_1 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_1 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_1 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_1 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_1 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_1 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_2 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_2 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_2 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_2 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_2 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other; } G_2 \text{ are equal to or different from each other.}$ G₂ have the same meaning as G;}

M is a metal selected from the group consisting of: elements from groups 3, 4, and 10 of the periodic table, lanthanides, and actinides;

X groups are equal to or different from each other; X is selected from the group consisting of: halogen, hydrogen, OR"', $\rm N\,(R"')_{\,2},\ C_1-C_{20}$ alkyl, and $\rm C_6-C_{20}$ aryl; wherein $\rm R"'$ is selected from the group consisting of: linear C_1-C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1-C_{20} alkyl, {linear} C_3-C_{20} cycloalkyl, {branched C_3-C_{20} cycloalkyl, linear} C_6-C_{20} aryl, {branched C_6-C_{20} aryl,} linear C_7-C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl; * is an integer greater than or equal to 1 (or 2), y is an

integer greater than or equal to 2 (or 3) in such a way that x + y = 3, 4, 5, or 6;

d is an integer ranging from 0 to 2; and a, b and c are integers from 0 to 10 in such a way that $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} \ge 1$; wherein the OSiR"3 group of the metallocene complex reacts with a reactive group of the support to bond the metallocene complex to the support, thereby forming a resulting solid comprising the

metallocene complex <u>and the cocatalyst</u> supported on the support; wherein the OSiR"₃ group is not directly bonded to 0 when 0 contains Si;

- (b) eliminating the solvent; and
- (c) bringing the resulting solid to a temperature between 25 and 150 °C.

Claim 69. (amended once) A catalyst according to Claim 57, wherein in the formula I {or} and the formula II M is selected from the group consisting of: Ti, Zr, and Hf.

Claim 70. (amended once) A catalyst according to Claim <u>59</u> {58}, wherein in <u>the</u> formula I {or} <u>and the formula</u> II M is selected from the group consisting of: Ti, Zr, and Hf.

Claim 75. (amended once) A process as claimed in Claim 65 wherein in the formula I {or} and the formula II each R is independently selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, $\{SiR'_3,\}$ linear C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, {linear} C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, {branched C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, linear} C_6 - C_{20} aryl, {branched C_6 - C_{20} aryl, } linear C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl; {and} wherein optionally each R group contains a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of: boron, germanium, tin, lead, and elements of groups {14 through} 15 and 16 of the periodic table of the elements {and boron}; and wherein at least one R group in the formula II and at least one R group in the

OSiR" group.

Claim 76. (amended once) A process according to Claim 65 wherein in the formula I {or} and the formula II M is selected from the group consisting of: Ti, Zr, and Hf.

Claim 77. (amended once) A process according to Claim 65 wherein in the formula I {or} and the formula II the R group {containing} that contains the group {OSiR"} OSiR" is selected from the group consisting of: $-CH_2-CH_2-OSiMe_3$, $-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-OSiMe_3$, $-CH_2-O-CH_2-OSiMe_3$, and $-O-CH_2-CH_2-OSiMe_3$, and $-SiMe_2-CH_2-OSiMe_3$ }.

Claim 78. (Amended once) A process according to Claim 65 wherein in the formula I each G is independently cyclopentadienyl or indenyl; M is zirconium; \mathbf{x} is 2; \mathbf{y} is 2; each R is independently \mathbf{C}_1 - \mathbf{C}_4 alkyl, wherein at least one hydrogen of one R is substituted with the OSiR"₃ group, wherein R" is selected from the group consisting of: Me, Et, and Pr.

Claim 79. (amended once) A process according to Claim 75 wherein in the formula II M is zirconium; G_1 and G_2 are each independently cyclopentadienyl or indenyl; each R is independently hydrogen $\{,\}$ or a C_1 - C_4 alkyl wherein at least one hydrogen of one R is substituted with the OSiR" $_3$ {or a SiR' $_2$ -OSiR" $_3$ } group, wherein R" is selected from the group consisting of: methyl, ethyl, and

propyl; {[(R)_cQ]_m} and wherein if [(R)_c-Q]_m does not contain the OSiR"₃ group, then [(R)_c-Q]_m is H_2C-CH_2 , $CRH-CH_2$, $RHC-SiR'_2$, $R_2C-SiR'_2$, {and} or SiRR', wherein R' is selected from the group consisting of linear C_1-C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1-C_{20} alkyl, C_3-C_{20} cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{20} aryl, linear C_7-C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7-C_{20} alkenyl, linear C_7-C_{20} arylalkyl, branched C_7-C_{20} arylalkyl, linear C_7-C_{20} arylalkenyl, branched C_7-C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7-C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7-C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7-C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7-C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7-C_{20} alkylaryl.

Claim 80. (amended once) A process according to Claim 65 wherein in the formula II M is titanium; wherein G_2 is an oxygen or a nitrogen atom; wherein G_1 is a cyclopentadienyl, indenyl or fluorenyl ring; {[(R)_cQ]_m} and wherein if [(R)_c-Ol_m does not contain the OSiR"_3 group, then [(R)_c-Ol_m is H_2 C-CH_2, CRH-CH_2, RHC-SiR'_2, R_2C-SiR'_2, {and} or SiRR', wherein R' is selected from the group consisting of linear C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{20} aryl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl.

Claim 84. (amended once) A process as claimed in Claim 66 wherein in the formula I {or} and the formula II each R is independently selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, $\{SiR'_3,\}$ linear C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, {linear} C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, {branched C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, linear} C_6 - C_{20} aryl, {branched C_6 - C_{20} aryl,} linear C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20}

alkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl; {and} wherein optionally each R group contains a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of: boron, germanium, tin, lead, and elements of groups {14 through} 15 and 16 of the periodic table of the elements {and boron}; wherein at least one R group in the formula I and at least one R group in the formula II contain the OSiR"3 group.

Claim 85. (amended once) A process according to Claim 66 wherein in the formula I {or} and the formula II M is selected from the group consisting of: Ti, Zr, and Hf.

Claim 86. (amended once) A process according to Claim 66 wherein in the formula I {or} and the formula II the R group {containing} that contains the group {OSiR"} OSiR"3 is selected from the group consisting of: -CH2-CH2-OSiMe3, -CH2-CH2-CH2-OSiMe3, -CH2-O-CH2-OSiMe3, and -O-CH2-CH2-OSiMe3, and -SiMe2-CH2-CH2-OSiMe3}.

Claim 87. (Amended once) A process according to Claim 66 wherein in the formula I each G is independently cyclopentadienyl or indenyl; M is zirconium; \mathbf{x} is 2; \mathbf{y} is 2; each R is independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, wherein at least one hydrogen of one R is substituted with the OSiR"₃ group, wherein R" is selected from the group consisting of: Me, Et, and Pr.

Claim 88. (amended once) A process according to Claim 84 wherein in the formula II M is zirconium; G_1 and G_2 are each independently cyclopentadienyl or indenyl; each R is independently hydrogen {,} or a C_1 - C_4 alkyl wherein at least one hydrogen of one R is substituted with the OSiR"3 {or a SiR'2-OSiR"3} group, wherein R" is selected from the group consisting of: methyl, ethyl, and propyl; {[(R)_cQ]_m} and wherein if [(R)_c-Ol_m does not contain the OSiR"3 group, then [(R)_c-Ol_m is H_2 C- CH_2 , $CRH-CH_2$, $RHC-SiR'_2$, R_2 C- SiR'_2 , {and} or SiRR', wherein R' is selected from the group consisting of linear C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{20} aryl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl.

Claim 89. (amended once) A process according to Claim 66 wherein in the formula II M is titanium; wherein G_2 is an oxygen or a nitrogen atom; wherein G_1 is a cyclopentadienyl, indenyl or fluorenyl ring; {[(R)_cQ]_m} and wherein if [(R)_c-Ol_m does not contain the OSiR"_3 group, then [(R)_c-Ol_m is H_2C-CH_2, CRH-CH_2, RHC-SiR'_2, R_2C-SiR'_2, {and} or SiRR', wherein R' is selected from the group consisting of linear C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, branched C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, C_3 - C_{20} cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{20} aryl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkenyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, branched C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} arylalkenyl, linear C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, and branched C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl.